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OUR PAST

Remembering Chabot

By Sharon R. McGriff

The streets were called Ranier, Elk, Hood, Whitney and Olympic. The people who called these tree-lined streets home came from all over the south, including Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisana and Georgia. It was the early 1940s, and America was at war.

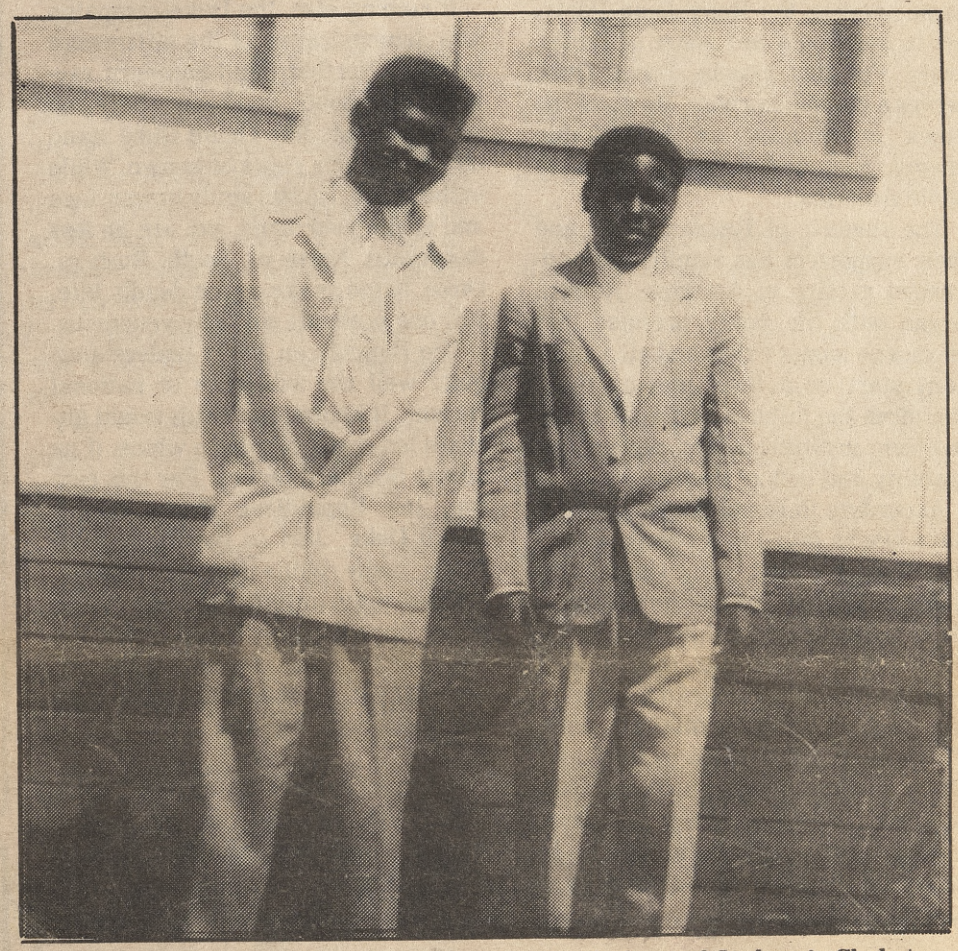
"It was one of the happiest times of my life," said Ida Hubbard, recalling those days nearly 50 years ago when she and her husband moved from Texas to Vallejo. Like many of those new southern immigrants, the Hubbards heard that the West Coast had plenty of jobs that paid well — especially compared to the wages paid in the south.

While many southern Blacks chose to move to the Northern states of New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois where jobs were available in factories and steel mills, millions of other African-Americans, chose Northern California. And hundreds of those families moved to housing especially set aside for federal workers. Those housing projects in Vallejo included Chabot Carquinez Heights, and Floyd Terrace.

Many of these families moved to the Vallejo-Richmond area as a result of a loved one who was stationed at Mare Island during the war. Others came through calls and letters back home, beckoning them to relocate from the harsh discrimination of the south and wages that made it hard to raise families.

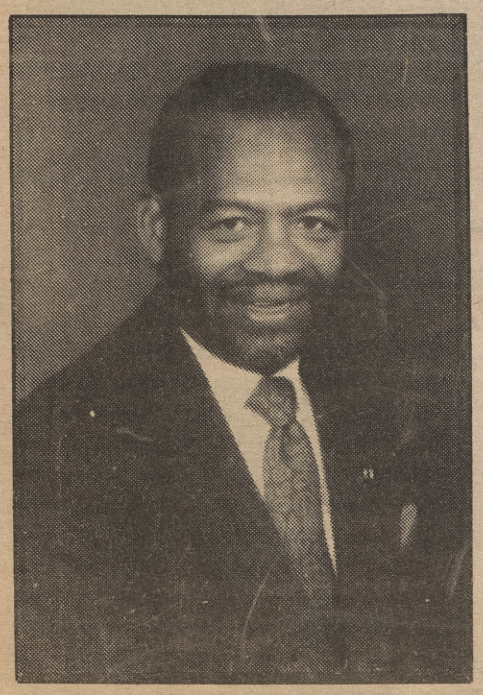
Hundreds of families called Chabot home. The community of two and three bedroom homes, was bordered by Highway 37, Fairgrounds Drive (County

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Willie Jackson and Norman Lissier standing in front of Jackson's Chabot home.

Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr. to Speak at Black History Dinner



Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr.

Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr., will be the guest speaker at the annual Black History Dinner sponsored by the Solano County Community Business Network, Feb. 23. The dinner starts at 3 p.m., and will be held at Dan Foley Cultural Center. The dinner will be catered by the House of Soul Restaurant, under the direction of the Rev. Clifford and Cattie "Mama Soul" McCarver. For more information about tickets and the dinner, please call 644-3792.

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. is the Senior Pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church of Oakland. He is Professor of Christian Ministry at the American Baptist Seminary of the West and the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, California. He is Past President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and is the Vice President of the American Baptist Churches of the West. He has been Distinguished Pastor in Residence at the School of Divinity of Howard University. In 1991, Dr. Smith gave the Gardner C. Taylor lectures on preaching at the School of Divinity of Duke University, and in March 1992, he is to give the Hoskins Lectures on Ministry at the School of Divinity of Yale University.

Dr. Smith has served as Visiting Professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, and as lecturer at the School of Divinity of Harvard University. He has been Adjunct Professor and Advisor of doctoral ministry students at the Pacific School of Religion and has served as Adjunct Professor of Parish Ministry at the American Baptist Seminary of the West.

Dr. Smith has traveled extensively to speak at churches, universities, and seminaries nationwide. He addressed the Baptist World Alliance when the body convened in Toronto, Canada, and in Seoul, Korea. He served as preacher for the 1991 Bermuda Bible Conference. He has spoken in West Africa, Jerusalem, Sweden, Denmark, Mexico, Canada, Switzerland, and the Virgin Islands. In April of 1989, Dr. Smith addressed the United Nations on apartheid in South Africa and the anti-apartheid efforts of African-American churches. In February of 1988, Dr. Smith led a delegation from the U.S. on a fact-finding mission to Sierra Leone, where he and others have established a Baptist mission.

Dr. Smith is a member of the advisory boards of the School of Divinity of

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Commentary:

Duking It Out!

By Atty. Antonio Lawson

If there were any doubts that racism is alive and well in America, David Duke has quickly dispelled them. For the Republican Party, that's a problem. This is not to say the President Bush and his boys disdain racism, to the contrary they are as racist as David Duke, but they have enough sense to disguise it. Duke on the other hand is just an uncloaked version of those heading the Republican Party, not to mention a fair share of Democrats. For that reason, David Duke serves a distinct purpose. He gives the black community an identifiable enemy and embarrasses much of white America.

The rhetoric of Reagan, Bush and their supporters has significantly advanced racism in America. Reagan began with the faulty premise that racism no longer exists and all Americans start on a level playing field, therefore the failures of blacks result not from institutionalized racism, but inability and lack of desire.

According to Republicans, not only have blacks failed as a result of their own inability, but we (whites) are made to pay for their failure through welfare, increased crime and racial preferences. This was the implicit platform of the Republican Party during the past 3 Presidential elections. This was also the platform for David Duke during Louisana's recent Gubnertorial election. Duke, however, made his vows explicit. In doing so, he garnered the votes of the majority of the white voters in Louisiana and, but for a huge black voter turnout Duke would be Governor. On a national level, the Republican Party realizes that such an overt racist platform cannot prevail. Not that racism does not exist throughout the country, it is just that Northern whites take pride in being self-righteous and will not display their racism in the same manner as Southerners.

If nothing else, the Duke campaign was demonstrative of the differences between Northern and Southern racism. In the South, you know where you stand. Racists like David Duke stand up and let their views be known. While in the North, racists smile in your face and shake your hand, yet are no less dangerous. North vs. South. Bush vs. Duke. Same snake, same deadly bite, just one pretends not to be venomous.

The Republican Party understands quite well the subtleties of national racism. It knows that Bush would alienate too many Northern whites if he adopts Southern tactics. For this reason, the Republican Party dreads David Duke. Just as the Republican Party made Willie Horton Dukakis' running mate in 1988, the Democratic Party should make David Duke the Republican Party poster-boy for '92. Let's face it, no one better represents the Republican Agenda.

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Vallejo Getting Ready for Black History Month Celebrations

The 1992 Vallejo Black History Month Committee will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, located at 734 Marin Street, Vallejo.

The Committee is presently making a calendar of events outlining the various events planned by different organizations during the month of February, and is also planning additional events, which will be held at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum. The calendar thus far has the following events:

- Saturday, **February 8, "Cupid's Gala"** 3rd Annual Fundraiser by the Greater Vallejo Chapter of Jack & Jill, Inc., 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Mare Island Officer's Club.
- **Friday, February 14, "Profiles in Black"** Black History Month Rap Contest Auditions, 4:30 p.m. at the museum.
- Saturday, **February 15,** last auditions for the **"Profiles in Black"** Black History Month Rap Contest, 4 p.m., at the museum.
- Sunday, **February 16, "Fashions of African Heritage"** Fashion Show and Dinner, sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women Vallejo Chapter, 4 p.m. at the Mare Island Officer's Club.
- Tuesday, **February 18** (Afternoon & Evening), **African Art Exhibit by Vallejo Artist Augustus Browning,** at the museum.
- Saturday, **February 22, Black History Month Open House At the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum,** 734 Marin Street, Vallejo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Agenda includes the "Profiles in Black" Black History Rap Contest Finals, African Heritage Fashion Show, Black History Video, Youth Skits, Raffle, Guest Speakers, and free booths for local organizations.

More people are still needed on the Vallejo Black History Month Planning Committee, as well as interested individuals, organizations, churches, etc., who want to participate in one or more activities.

Contact Rev. Mac A. Finley, Committee Coordinator, for information at (707) 643-4717.

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Legal Requirements of a Will!

By Attorney Doug Lofton

In last month's column I discussed why it is important for you, your family, and your close friends that you have a will. Now we agree it is a good idea to have a will, the question arises: what are the requirements of a legally valid will? In the last issue of the North Bay Progress, I promised you that in this issue I would list and explain the requirements of a legally valid simple will — so here they are.

Mental Capacity. This means you are mentally able to understand that you are signing a document that will distribute your property to persons named in your will upon death. In short, this means you are mentally capable of understanding what you are doing. If the person executing the will (the testator) lacks mental capacity when he or she signs the will, the will will be legally invalid.

Many wills are contested on the grounds the testator lacked capacity when he or she signed the will. Unfortunately, this mental capacity issue is fairly common since many persons wait until they are hospitalized or terminally ill before executing a will.

How do you determine if the testator has mental capacity? The testator's doctor can make a written statement attesting to the testator's mental capacity. Another method is to have the testator answer several questions such as: who is the President of the United States? What month or year is it? Where were you born? Also, the testator can be asked to identify close relatives who are to receive property in the will.

Majority. The testator must be 18 years of age. Also, there must be a provision in the will, which disposes property. This is the purpose and function of the will.

Appointment of a personal representative or executor. The executor is in charge of ensuring the testator's wishes are carried out with respect to disposing of the property in accordance with the will.

The executor is typically a responsible family member who is receiving property under the will. The executor should be someone you trust because it is their responsibility to ensure your wishes are carried out as instructed by you in your will. The executor typically hires a Probate lawyer who ensures the proper legal documents are drafted and filed with the court, and that taxes paid and creditors claims are satisfied.

At this point you might be asking: What happens if the person chosen as executor dies before the testator, or the proposed executor decides he or she does not want to serve as the testator's personal representative? To avoid such problems, it is recommended you appoint someone as an alternate executor in the event that your first choice as executor is either unable or unwilling to serve in that capacity.

Two Witnesses. The will must be signed in the presence of at least two witnesses. The witnesses must sign the will claiming to the best of their knowledge, the testator is not signing the will under fraud, undue influence, or threat of harm. But here is the catch. If a witness is also named as a beneficiary in the will, the law will presume that the witness is receiving property under the will due to fraud, or undue influence upon the testator. As a result, the law may completely disinherit the witness.

This situation can be easily avoided by having two strangers as witnesses. For example, if you are in the lawyer's office, the lawyer can use his secretary and another member of his staff as witnesses. The point is it is not a good idea to have a person as a witness if that person is named as a beneficiary in your will.

Signed and Dated. The will must be signed and dated. If the testator is physically unable to write a clear signature, he or she need only make a mark, such as an "X", as long as the mark was intended to be the signature.

Finally, if you execute a legally valid will, have the original placed in a safe deposit box or other place for safe keeping. Above all, make sure you tell your executor and other persons where the original is kept. The original will will have to be located upon the death of the testator and filed with a court of law. This begins the process of distributing your property to the persons you have named in your will.

Although it is impossible for you to draft your own simple legally valid simple will, it is advisable to have an attorney review the will to ensure that all the legal requirements are satisfied.

Please look for my column next month where I will define and explain the Durable Power of Attorney and how this document can protect you financially.

Attorney Doug Lofton can be reached by calling (707) 745-1362.



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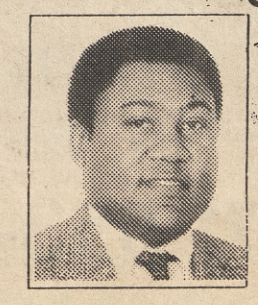
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Letter to the Editor:

'Women's Advocacy/People to People Network'

Dear Friends:

Our efforts to deliver Christmas to our two shelters for battered women; one in Vallejo and the other in Fairfield, and to the homeless families at Prospect House in Fairfield, and to the homeless families staying at five motels in Fairfield were heartwarming, and a beginning toward developing a "Women's Advocacy/People to People Network."

The children gathered around Santa and Mrs. Claus at each stop and hugged their presents as Santa gave them out. I spoke to parents, some who are paying their entire welfare assistance checks each month to motels because they cannot find affordable housing or anyone willing to rent to them. Can you imagine a mother with four children living in one room and paying $725 a month to live that way? I can. My children and I have been homeless. Buying cold foods to eat is expensive. I've done that. It is an expensive necessity without a stove or refrigerator to use. We were told at each stop: "Thank you for remembering us. Please don't forget us."

I want to thank everyone for their time and donations to our program. United Way and the many United Way contributors have brought a great wealth of community sharing and caring to those of us who have not wanted to be forgotten. As we left one motel in the darkness and cold, a mom and dad were taking their little one to the hospital.

Who are the homeless and the battered, anyway? "Where are they, I don't see them," one person said to me. They are our neighbors. Their children sit next to ours in school. How can we help? With a Women's Advocacy/People to People Network, we can make weekly runs to the motels serving the homeless, we can also travel to those living on our streets and under the highway overpasses bringing them blankets, clothing and food. We can invite them to our churches. Thank you to each one of you who worked with us to make Christmas happen for the little children and for their parents. One dad told me he needed food — he fed his child, but he couldn't eat. His child was without shoes. One mom came to our shelter with her children before Christmas. She had been beaten and had visible marks. She and the others (our shelters are full) are essentially homeless.

By developing a Women's Advocacy /People to People Network, we can make a positive change in Solano County. We can just say NO to violence and homelessness by working together to educate and to offer helping hands to lift families up out of the deep despair poverty creates.

One of our donors bought a new swing set for our shelter, another donated a beautiful swing/play set which will go to Prospect House, another — Travis AFB Toys for Tots — brought a multitude of brand new toys. Others brought money to aid our severely underfunded program, and yet others, gave beautiful Christmas trees and decorations; Target Store in Vallejo on Admiral Callaghan Drive for Vallejo's shelter, and Fairfield Brownie Troop #560 for the Fairfield shelter. Brownie Troop #485 brought filled Christmas stockings. Others brought new clothing and personal care items, and TAB, USO donated infant formula for an infant that came to us wrapped in a sweat shirt. The City of Fairfield provided a multitude of Christmas presents as well as so many other organizations and individuals for our Christmas deliveries.

If you would like to help me continue to network with the homeless, and advocate for families in poverty, and beaten women and children, I invite you to attend our meetings. I am merging my AFDC Support Group with Solano County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. in order to develop a Women's Advocacy/People to People Network.

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Road) and Napa Road (now Broadway).

In many ways the community was a self-contained enclave with its own businesses and social life. "The Big Store" provided area residents with a supermarket, post office, beauty salon. Children went to Everest and Olympic elementary schools. Residents, however, did venture out to attend church — including Second Baptist (then on Branciforte Street) Kyles Temple and Rehoboth Church of God in Christ. Many attended Union Baptist Church, then holding service in a storefront on Whitney Avenue.

"We felt we were all part of one big family," said Ida Hubbard, who moved from Texas to California in 1943. Like Henry and Ida Hubbard, the families of Chabot brought with them a deep sense of family roots and community spirit. "We looked out for each other. Your neighbor's children were your children," she said.

Bertrand Perry Sr., who moved to Vallejo in 1941, said Black people "brought a sense of back home here."

"We were used to being with each other, there was a sense of being all for one, and one for all back then," said Perry, who lived at 109 Hood Street with his family for eight years.

In many ways, Bertrand Perry Sr.'s story of moving to Chabot is the story of millions of Black people who migrated from the South in the early 1940s and 1950s, lured by better paying jobs, and in many instances, better living conditions.

Perry, who lived in Galveston, Texas, moved to California ahead of his family, who he sent for after he secured housing in Chabot. Because of the housing discrimination then rampant in Vallejo — many landlords refused to rent or sell to Black people — Perry said many Black people lived where they could. "People were staying in converted garages, rooms, whatever they could find." After staying in a small "shack" for a month, Perry, who worked at Mare Island as a pipefitter, secured housing in Chabot. He then sent for his family.

Rent for residents was affordable — about $27 for a two bedroom house, and jobs were plentiful. Because of World War II, many people were able to move to Vallejo and secure a job within days after their arrival.

Growing up in Chabot

According to Willie Jackson, Chabot was an almost idyllic place for a child to be raised. Jackson and his family moved to Vallejo from Edwards, Mississippi, via Memphis, Tennessee in the late 1940s. The child of sharecroppers, he vividly recalls going to the cotton fields with his family.

"I remember riding on 50 pound bags of cotton while my parents worked in the fields," Jackson said.

Perhaps one of the happiest memories Jackson recalls was the day he and his family pulled into the Crockett train station, leaving behind the cotton fields of Mississippi.

For a 9-year-old, Chabot provided a wealth of adventure and new places to explore.

"Back then, there seemed to be more places for kids to congregate," said Jackson, who serves as vice-chairman of the Chabot Planning Day Committee. The committee, made up of former residents of Chabot, Carquinez Heights, and Floyd Terrace, sponsors a Chabot Day reunion every other year at Blue Rock Springs.

In addition to playgrounds that dotted neighborhoods throughout Chabot, Jackson and his friends spent hours at specially built recreation centers — called Rec One and Rec Two — which provided safe havens for the neighborhood's youth.

"On weekends, I would make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, stick it in my pants' pocket and dash off to the Recreation Center. There, I would play basketball all day," said Jackson, a retired probation department officer.

According to Dr. Terry Jones, head of the Sociology Department at California State University, Hayward, the migration of Blacks to Vallejo was part of a greater exodus of Black people that occurred during the late 1930s and continued through the 1960s.

"An uncle or a father, or an aunt would move first, and call another relative. They would move and their families would follow later," said Jones, who lived in Chabot from 1943 to the early 1950s.

While Chabot was largely Black, Jones said the community had many White families. In fact, Jones said the community seemed to be made up of three different communities: In one area around Olympic and Whitney streets, it was heavily black; near Hood Street, the area was integrated, and whites made up the west side, Jones said.

Jones said that while many black people left behind the flagrant and harsh treatment of the south, Vallejo and therefore Chabot, had its share of discrimination and prejudice.

"I remember when a white store owner was killed and the sheriff's department sent out officers who indiscriminately came in and searched Black homes," Jones said, adding that "As long as black people have been in America they have been under siege — Chabot was no different."

Jones said that one positive aspect of Chabot was that people of varying economic levels lived in one place.

"Poor people stayed next door to middle class people," Jones said.

The Chabot Planning Day Committee will sponsor a Recession Party, March 7 at the Norman King Community Center. Proceeds from the party, which will include a fish fry, will go towards the annual Chabot Day reunion, which will be held on July 3 at Blue Rock Springs. For information call 644-5780.



Bertrand Perry Jr., about 4 years old, waits patiently for someone to give him a ride in his cart. In the background, are the two and three bedroom homes that hundreds of Vallejo families called home. Chabot was the largest housing project in Vallejo at that time.

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Workshops include a teen seminar, a Call to Mentoring, and Unravelling Mother/Daughter Conflicts. A Teen Fashion Show will also be featured.

For more information, call Lillian Broadfoot, (707) 642-7927; Sandra Owens (707) 428-1057.

The Rev. Cecil Williams In Vallejo This Month

Rev. Cecil Williams, Pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, will be the keynote speaker at an all day substance abuse conference for clergy, staff and congregation members. The event is sponsored by the Vallejo Ministerial Association, and the City of Vallejo "Fighting Back" Program.

It will be held at the Dan Foley Cultural Center in Vallejo on Feb. 25, 1992 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost will be $15 to cover continental breakfast, lunch and training materials.

The purpose of the conference is to increase knowledge about substance abuse and related issues, local programs to prevent and treat chemical dependency, and the important role that churches can play toward reducing substance abuse problems. The program will be multi-denominational.

Members of the conference planning committee include:

Pastor Bill Embree (St. Paul's Lutheran); Pastor W.B. Barnes (Macedonia Baptist); Pastor Phillip Lawson (First United Methodist); Pastor Louella Johnson (Friendship Baptist) and Pastor Carson Curcini (Church on the Hill).

They are asking that churches send a team consisting of clergy and lay people with the aim of developing action plans that can be carried out by local congregations.

For more information, contact Jane Callahan at the "Fighting Back" office (707) 648-5230.

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Howard University and the United Theological Seminary. He is also a member of the University of California, Berkeley Community Advisory Board, and the California State Legislator's Commission on the African-American Male. He has served as Acting Dean of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, as Area Representative for the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Conference of Black Seminarians, and as a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of Churches. He is a former member of the Oakland School Board, is the Founding Chairperson of the Bay Area Black United Fund, and is a member of the Board of Directors of AFRICARE.



Happy Golden Anniversary

Bertrand and Emma Idell Perry celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary last month. The Perrys, who moved to Vallejo from Galveston, Texas in 1941, are the parents of four children: Patricia Hurts, Bertrand Perry Jr., Ruth Etta Perry Harper, and Anna Perry. They have seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The secret of their long marriage? They credit their faith in God. "God has held us together, and he also gave us a good understanding." Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Perry!

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The first Women's Advocacy/People to People Network meeting will take place Wednesday, February 12 at 4 p.m., at Solano County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., 207 Marina Center, Suisun. For further information call: Beverly J. Owen, Director, Domestic Violence Program, (707) 427-5950.

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SERMON OF THE MONTH

By Elder Jeremiah Richardson,
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Text: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. **Romans: 1:14**

Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Like Paul, I am concerned about my brothers and sisters. In this barbaric and sick world that we live in, I feel indebted to relay the message of Christ to those that are stumbling through life in darkness.

Jesus is the answer to every dark situation. Those that are lost in the deep dark pits of drugs and it seems like there's no way out. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." Not only does He lead you out, He also lights up your path so you can see where you are going.

You that are lost in the dark streets, alleys and corners of prostitution, homosexuality, child abuse, child molestation, and other sin, I want you to know that Jesus will open your blinded eyes so you can see you are heading down a dark path. "Jesus came to take away all of our sins." **John 1:29.** Then spake Jesus again unto them saying, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." **John 8:12.** Every creature that is of a destructive nature love the dark. When you turn on a light you see rats, bugs, roaches and the like, running for the dark. For Jesus said that every person or thing that doth evil hate the light, but every person that want to see will come to the light. Jesus says to all of you out there in sin, and lost in darkness, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

I admonish you today to come to Jesus, now. He is the only answer to every one of our problems. May God ever bless you.

CHURCH NOTES:

Black History at Center of Hope

The Center of Hope M.B. Church will present its annual BLACK HISTORY Program Sunday, February 23 at 4 p.m. at 140 Daniels Avenue. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Lou Turnage, pastor. For information call (707) 644-9499.

Faith Tabernacle Celebrates Anniversary

Rev. Charles Pryor, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church of Vallejo, will be celebrating his anniversary the month of February.

February 2	Rev. M. Slade, Pastor of Good Samaritan Baptist Church of Vallejo, will give the message.
February 9	Rev. J. Porter, Pastor of Freedom Baptist Church of Los Angeles, will be giving the message.
February 16	Rev. B. Robinson, Pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Marysville, will be giving the message.
February 23	Rev. K. Burley, Pastor of Union Baptist Church of Vallejo, will be giving the message.

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Rap Contest on Tap for Vallejo Black History Month Celebration

The first Annual Vallejo Black History Month Rap Contest is underway. "Profiles in Black" is the theme of Rap Contest, and students grade 1 through 12 are eligible to enter.

Rap contest auditions will be held at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo, on Friday, February 14, 4:30 p.m. These auditions will determine the 12 rap finalists, who will perform during the Open House Black History Month Celebration, which takes place on Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., also at the museum.

Guidelines and rules are as follows:

- The raps must center on one or more of the following Black pioneers: Benjamin Banneker, Harriett Tubman, Matthew Henson, Mary McCleod Bethune, and/or George Washington Carver.
- Time limit is three minutes.
- Rap performance may be solo or group.
- Only language in good taste will be allowed; use of vulgar language or other inappropriate words/expressions will result in disqualification.
- Music and Dancing may accompany the rap performance. Dance routines also must be in good taste.
- Grading criteria will be as follows:
  - Clarity of Message: 10 points
  - Rythym & Movement: 10 points
  - Creativeness: 10 points
  - Dress/Costumes: 10 points
  - Choreography: 10 points
  - Content of Message: 50 points

Cash Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 rap performances, and all participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.

The Planning Committee selected the rap contest because it presented an excellent opportunity to motivate students to engage in educational pursuits, especially learning Black History.

Interested students should contact the following for more information: Solomon Jones, 554-9866; Terralyn Renfro, 554-8916; or Rev. Mac Finley, 643-4717.

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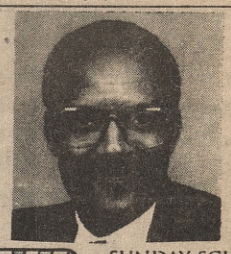


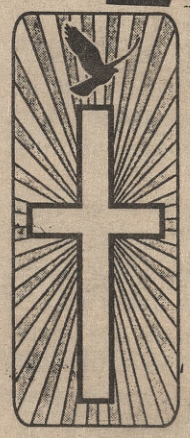
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New Members Class	9:30 am
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Morning Worship	10:45 am
Nursery Open	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Communion (First Sunday)	6:00 pm
Evangelism Classes - Tuesday	7 pm
Prayer and Bible Classes - Wednesday	7 pm

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